

We had three sessions:

- 1) *Early Identification/Systemic Barriers/Innovative Approaches* — Lily Wagner, PhD, LP, BCBA Director, Autism and Developmental Disabilities (A&DD) Clinic & Associate Professor, Waisman Center
- 2) *Strategies for Addressing Social Communication Difficulties at Home and at School* — Kellie Haugen, MS CCC-SLP Senior Speech-Language Pathologist A&DD Clinic, & Haley Takau, Waisman Center
- 3) *Care Navigation* — Erin Thomson, LCSW Senior Clinical Social Worker, A&DD Clinic, Newborn Follow-up Clinic, Autism Treatment Programs, Waisman Center

Upcoming Events shared by the community

- The Autism Society of Greater Wisconsin and Autism Society of South Central Wisconsin are co-hosting the 36th Annual Autism Conference again this year at the Kalahari in WI Dells, April 3-5, 2025. We invite you all to join us at the largest and longest running Autism-related conference in Wisconsin! You can visit our website for more information:
<https://www.autismgreaterwi.org/2025-annual-conference/>
- Upcoming Wisconsin anime conventions: Anime Milwaukee (Milwaukee, WI) - March 7-9, 2025. Kitsune Kon (Green Bay, WI) - July 11-13, 2025.
- Waisman Center Day with the Experts: Autism
Feb 22, 2025 9:00-11:00
<https://www.waisman.wisc.edu/outreach/waisman-center-day-with-experts/>
- This is the update for WI AAC Network. We are working on winter newsletter right now and we will be sending it out in the first part in January. Remember about considering submit someone to be AAC star and consider joining the United States Society of AAC. Happy holidays and Merry Christmas everyone.
<https://ussaac.org/membership#join>
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1uODYi6uZDfWNTtHEzplcLgiuIYN89u-M7bUUEx4Ss8/edit>

We apologize but the .jpg picture that was shared in the chat, did not come through in the saved notes. If that was you, please send it to Tim at tmarkle@wisc.edu and I send it out to the community.

Resource Links from the Gathering

Prevalence data: <https://wisadds.waisman.wisc.edu/>

Learn the Signs/Act Early: <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html>

Early Screening: <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/screening.html>

Autism Diagnosis: <https://www.cdc.gov/autism/hcp/diagnosis/index.html>

DSM: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

<https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/articles/24291-diagnostic-and-statistical-manual-dsm-5>

First Words Project: <https://firstwordsproject.com/>

16 Gestures by 16 Months: 16 by 16: <https://babynavigator.com/lookbooks/>

Community of Practice on Autism Spectrum Disorder

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Early Identification and Autism

Medical Assessment vs Medical Diagnosis: <https://www.research.chop.edu/car-autism-roadmap/medical-diagnosis-vs-educational-eligibility-for-special-services-important-distinctions-for-those> & <https://wifacets.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Wisconsin-FACETS -Medical-vs-Educational-Evaluations-Handout-version.pptx-1.pdf>

M-CHAT R/S: <https://www.mchatscreen.com/>

Tertiary Care: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/tertiary%20care>

Birth to 3: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/birthto3/index.htm>

Section 504 vs IEPs: https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sped/pdf/falleader19/falleader-2019-30-Section_504-IDEA_Comparison_Chart.pdf

Learning about ABS: <https://childmind.org/article/know-getting-good-aba/>

Recent research indicates that the SWCY may be more appropriate than MCHAT for AIAN children.

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/resource/the-survey-of-well-being-of-young-children-results-of-a-feasibility-study-with-american-indian-and-alaska-native-communities/>

Non-ABA Evidence Based Practice: <https://therapistndc.org/therapy/non-aba-evidence-based-practice/>

“Dr. Peter Gerhardt calls this behaviors that society "will adjust to" and things society "will not adjust to," and points out that good ADA needs to emphasize things that society "will not adjust to," not things that society "will adjust to." His example: Society will adjust to a person who wears a coat on a hot summer day in a public place. It will not adjust to someone who walks around naked in a public place.”

Wisconsin Wayfinder: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wiscway/index.htm>

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Resource Centers: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/cyshcn/resource-centers.htm>

Family Voices of WI Fact Sheets: <https://familyvoiceswi.org/resource-library/category/resources/print-fact-sheets/>

The Autism Society Affiliates are great places to contact to get family recommendations on autism friendly dentists, hair dressers, etc.